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SUBJ: GENERAL DOLNICAR - IN OR OUT;

REF BELGRADE 2788, 2805 (NOTAL), 2819

1. COUNTER- INDICATIONS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO APPEAR ON GENERAL DOLNICAR.

2. RED TANJUG BULLETIN (REVIEW OF FOREIGN PRESS DISTRIBUTED TO YUGOSLAV OFFICIALDOM) DISTRIBUTED A. M. JUNE 26 CARRIES
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ACCOUNT OF RAY ANDERSON PIECE IN NEW YORK TIMES (CARRIED SATURDAY- SUNDAY JUNE 23-24 EDITION OF INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE). RED TANJUG VERSION, HOWEVER, CAREFULLY EXCISED ANY REFERENCE TO GENERAL DOLNICAR, MAKING IT APPEAR ARTICLE DEALT SOLELY WITH EASING OF TENSION AFTER N SKOVIC REMOVAL IN APRIL 1973.

3. SFRY PRESIDENCY MET JUNE 25 TO CONSIDER AMONG OTHER THINGS QUESTIONS RELATING TO NATIONAL DEFENSE. PRIME TIME EVENING TV NEWS PROGRAM DNEVNIK CARRIED FILM CLIP OF MEETING WITH GENERAL DOLNICAR PROMINENTLY ON DISPLAY IN HIS CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL.

4. IF DOLNICAR IS INDEED IN ECLIPSE, THE YUGOSLAVS ARE PLAYING HIS CASE IN A VERY DIFFERENT FSDHION FROM THAT OF

GENERAL MISKOVIC, BECAUSE RED TANJUG WAS THE VEHICLE USED TO CONFIRM, BY IMPLICATION, THE LATTER'S FALL FROM GRACE. AND WHILE DIPLOMATIC RUMOR MILL CONTINUES TO GRIND OUT ASSURANCES THAT DOLNICAR

IS IN TROUBLE, IT IS DIFFICULT TO CREDIT THEM WHEN HE IS BEING PUT ON PROMINENT DISPLAY EXERCISING ONE OF HIS HIGHEST FUNCTIONS. WE HAVE HERE A BALKAN ENIGMA.

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